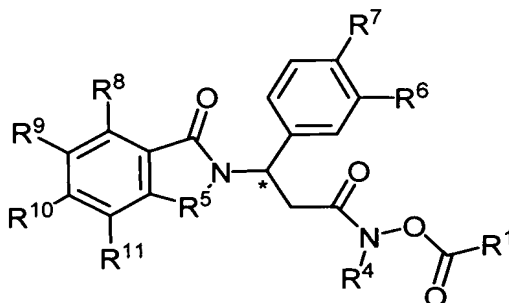


### Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the following paragraph, which was inserted immediately following the paragraph ending on page 14, line 16 in Applicants' Response dated October 5, 2006:

-- The invention also relates to a compound of the formula:



in which

the carbon atom designated \* constitutes a center of chirality;

R<sup>4</sup> is hydrogen or -(C=O)-R<sup>12</sup>, where

each of R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>12</sup>, independently of each other, is alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, phenyl, benzyl, pyridyl, pyridyl methyl, imidazolyl, imidazolymethyl, or CHR<sup>\*</sup>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub> NR<sup>\*</sup>R<sup>0</sup>

wherein R<sup>\*</sup> and R<sup>0</sup>, independently of the other, are hydrogen, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, phenyl, benzyl, pyridylmethyl, pyridyl, imidazolyl or imidazolymethyl, and n = 0, 1, 2;

R<sup>5</sup> is C=O or CH<sub>2</sub>;

each of R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup>, independently of the other is alkoxy of 1 to 8 carbon atoms,

cycloalkoxy of 3 to 6 carbon ~~atoms~~; atoms; C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-cycloalkylidenemethyl, C<sub>2</sub>-alkylidenemethyl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>-bicycloalkoxy, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>-tricycloalkoxy, 1-indanyloxy, or 2-indanyloxy; and

each of R<sup>8</sup>, R<sup>9</sup>, R<sup>10</sup>, and R<sup>11</sup>, independently of the others, is hydrogen, nitro, cyano, trifluoromethyl, carbethoxy, carbomethoxy, carbopropoxy, acetyl, halo, carbamoyl, acetoxyl, carboxyl, hydroxyl, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, acylamino, alkyl of 1 to 10 carbon atoms, and alkoxy of 1 to 10 carbon atoms.--